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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 21, 2002

APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
d/b/a AMERICAN ELECTRIC
POWER-VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUE020093

For waiver of AIF Rules
for test year 2001

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

On February 12, 2002, Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA" or "Company") filed an application seeking a partial waiver from 20 VAC 5-200-30 "Rules governing utility rate increase applications and annual informational filings," specifically 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9, concerning the schedules required to be filed in its Annual Informational Filing ("AIF") based on calendar year 2001, due April 30, 2002.

The Company notes that its AIFs have been abbreviated for several years pursuant to the terms of the alternative regulatory plan approved in the last AEP-VA rate case, which fixed the Company's rates for a period of years. That limitation on rates is now a function of the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act ("Act"). As a result, rate adjustments that might be supported by information contained in

Schedules 15-17, 19 and 20 are not possible until at least January 1, 2004, under the Act. Accordingly, the Company requests a waiver from filing these schedules. The Application represented that the Commission Staff did not oppose the requested waiver.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) AEP-VA's request for a waiver from filing Schedules 15-17, 19 and 20 with its AIF based on calendar year 2001 is GRANTED.

(2) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.